

## **Amyloidosis Awareness Month**

### **March 2023**

**WHEREAS** Amyloidosis is a group of rare diseases that occur when an abnormal protein, amyloid, accumulates in the body's tissues and organs and, if left untreated, can result in organ failure and can be fatal;

**AND WHEREAS** Amyloidosis most often affects people in middle age, younger people have also been diagnosed with this disease;

**AND WHEREAS** Amyloidosis can be challenging to diagnose as its signs and symptoms can mimic those of more common medical conditions, including shortness of breath, weight loss, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and legs, numbness in the hands and feet, foamy urine, carpal tunnel syndrome, bruising around the eyes and an enlarged tongue;

**AND WHEREAS** a timely and correct diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for patients and their families;

**AND WHEREAS** raising awareness about all amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-hereditary forms, helps to educate the public and is key to building healthier Canadian communities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network, Inc. is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization formed by amyloidosis patients and their family members, to raise awareness, fund research and support those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Pelham hereby proclaims the month of March 2023 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Town of Pelham.

**DATED AT** the Town of Pelham this 06<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Mayor Marvin Junkin  
Town of Pelham